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Japanese Patent No. 3040705, together with a English language machine-translation of the same. Applicant notes that this document is cited on page 3 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. HEI 10-265580, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is cited on page 3 of the specification of the present application;

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Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2003-73405, together with an English language abstract of the same;

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Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2002-3517, together with an English language abstract of the same;

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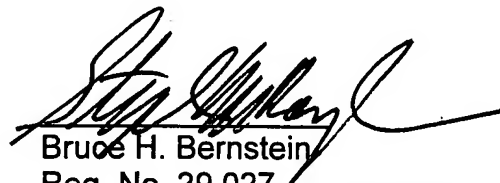
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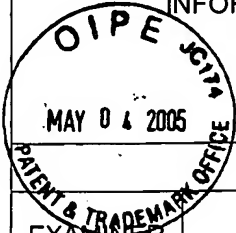
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